



GO! | Make Him Known • Thematic Series Setup • Jan 2021

A 4-part sermon series *from* The Village Church *for* The Village Church

To use for personal / group study in preparation for the 2021 thematic sermon series aimed at gospel proclamation & missional engagement. // [series folder](#).



WHAT IS THIS SERIES ABOUT?

“GO!” will emphasize the evangelistic and missional call for the church to “go and make disciples of all nations.” It will be preached in four parts over four Sunday gatherings. While there will definitely be overlap, the idea is that the series will spread and grow from the *individual to global* understanding, owning, and sharing. In that sense, it begins with one disciple and expands through neighborhood, city, and to the ends of the earth. Here is the emphasis of each week:

HOPES?

Our hope for the series is that The Village would:

1. **Individual Responsibility** (and opportunity) to know and proclaim the gospel. It will deal with the basics of the gospel and the personal responsibility for each member of God’s church to embrace and proclaim that good news.
» **focal text:** Romans 10:5-17
» **date:** January 3rd, 2021 | **preacher:** Michael Graham
2. **Neighborhood Responsibility** (and opportunity) to know, proclaim, and show the gospel in community with others. The gospel isn’t intended to be lived or shared in mere isolation, but alongside other members of the church.
» **focal text:** Luke 10:25-37
» **date:** January 10th, 2021 | **preacher:** Scott O’Donohoe
3. **City Go!** The Village has recently set forth on a mission to initiate some more intentional engagement in the way that we interact with, care for, come alongside, and advance good in our city. This sermon will help connect and clarify how we are aiming to go about that, and how each of us can get involved.
» **focal text:** Jeremiah 29:4-7
» **date:** January 17th, 2021 | **preacher:** Michael Graham
4. **Global Go!** Our Global Go initiative has taken a bit of a hit with our planned *inaugural* 2020 trip to Guatemala this past April being cancelled due to COVID-19, but our hope is not lost. We want to give space here to emphasize and elevate our desire to “learn from, invest in, to the ends of the world,” by reminding us of the global mission God has sent his church on and by bringing that to bear through some real life partnerships and opportunities we have.
» **focal text:** Acts 1:6-11
» **date:** January 24th, 2021 | **preacher:** Michael Graham

1. Grow in grace & knowledge of the gospel.
2. Grow as bold ambassadors of that gospel in our *personal lives*.
3. Grow in living lives that proclaim that gospel *together*.
4. Grow in understanding, burden, passion, and compassion for City & Global missions.

SUPPLEMENTS?

Groups. In addition to the 4 sermons throughout January, we will make space to talk about (and respond to) these themes and topics throughout the regular rhythms of Community Group gatherings.

Sunday Morning Equip. To equip, make space for dialogue, and to bring some elements of the missional life all the way down to the very practical, we’ll offer a 2-3 week companion course on Sunday mornings before gathering (9 to 10a) during the month of January or February. **details TBD**

Read. If you want to grow beyond those opportunities, grab this book, read it, and process with someone else.
»» [EVANGELISM: How the Whole Church Speaks of Jesus](#) (-J. Mack Stiles / 9 Marks)

WHY IS THIS SERIES IMPORTANT AND TIMELY?

We have a really great culture of hospitality and community. Many live lives with others and serve the community (where they live, work, play), but we can definitely grow as a church by being more equipped, confident, intentional, and bold in the way we actually proclaim the gospel to the people we share life with.

Especially given the nature of 2020, it’s easy to forget that the mission of God continues on and, even though life and community rhythms have been derailed in real ways, the mission that God has sent the church on (and The Village Church in particular) has not paused, but marches on indeed.